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St. James's, December 20.

THIS Day the Sieur Kerkner, Resident from King Augustus Elector of Saxony, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince; Conducted by Clement Cottrell, Esq; Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies, and introduced by the Right Hon. Mr. Boyle, Principal Secretary of State.

The Sieur Styngens, Resident from the Elector-Palatine of the Rhine, had also this Day a private Audience of Her Majesty, to condole the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince; Conducted by Clement Cottrell, Esq; Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies, and introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Boyle, Principal Secretary of State.

St. James's, December 22. This Day his Grace the Duke of *Somerset*, Chancellor of the University of *Cambridge*, presented to Her Majesty from that University a Book of Verses upon the mournful Occasion of the Death of his Royal Highness. Which Instance of the Affection of that learned Body Her Majesty received very graciously.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty.*

The Humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the several Denominations in and about the City of *London*; presented to Her Majesty by Mr. *Matthew Clarke*, and introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*.

May it please Your Majesty,

AS we can't but be sensibly touched with whatever nearly concerns your Sacred Majesty, we humbly ask leave to Condole the Loss of that Illustrious Prince, whose Conjugal Fidelity and Affection to your Royal Person, and steadiness to the Protestant Interest, in times of the greatest Danger, were so Eminent and Exemplary.

These, together with his other Personal Virtues, did not fail to recommend him to the Highest Posts of Honour and Trust; while his stated Communion was an Evidence of the Tenderness of his Conscience in Matters of Religion.

We gratefully adore the Divine Providence, that, to alleviate your Majesty's Grief on this Occasion, has blessed the Confederate Arms with a continued Train of Successes both by Sea and Land.

While all the World admires the Conduct of those great Generals; and the Courage of those brave Troops, that so often defeat unequal numbers of the Enemy, we can't but take Notice how much your Majesty's Piety, the Moderation of your Government, and your constant Care to maintain the Glorious Cause of Liberty, have been attended with the favourable Protection of Heaven, and make your Life and Reign no less the Desire and Delight of your People, than they are the Envy and Terror of your Enemies.

As we thankfully acknowledge the Share we have in these Publick Blessings, so we repeat to your Majesty the Assurance of our constant Fidelity and Affection to your Royal Person and Government, which both we and those under our Care have always made appear, as far as our respective Capacities could extend.

May the same Success still attend your Majesty's Counsels and Arms, till the Liberties of Europe *are entirely vindicated, the violated Rights of the Protestants in* France, *and elsewhere, perfectly restored; and the Protestant Succession every way secured. May the Deliberations of your Parliament be constantly under the Divine Direction. The* British *Union be more and more confirmed, and whatsoever tends to endanger it removed. May Almighty God support your Majesty under your present Affliction; and after a Prosperous Reign on Earth, may you be late advanced to a Crown of Immortal Glory.*

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return this Gracious Answer.

I Thank you for your Address, and the Assurances you give Me of your Zeal for My Person and Government, the Union, and the Protestant Succession.

The humble Address of the Barons and Freeholders in the Shire of *Kincardin*, Congratulating Her Majesty on the glorious Success of Her Arms this Campaign, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir *David Ramsay*, Bar. Member of Parliament for the said Shire.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace of the Shire of *Kincardin*; and

The humble Address of the Magistrates, Town-Council and Community of the Burgh of *Innerbervie*, in the said Shire, both Congratulating Her Majesty on the Glorious Success of Her Arms this Campaign, were presented to Her Majesty by the Lord Viscount of *Arbuthnott*.

Which Addresses Her Majesty received very graciously.

From the Camp before Ghent, *December 27. N. S.* The Disposition being made for opening the Trenches at General Lottum's Attack, between the Scheide and the Lys, the Attack was made on the 24th Instant, about Eight at Night, by Lieutenant-General Fagel, with Major-General Weeke, the Lord North and Grey, Brigadier, and 2000 Workmen, covered by seven Battalions, two more in Reserve, and 600 Horse. The Night being very light, the Enemy's Centinels soon discovered our Men; but before they could get their Troops together, ours were so well covered, that notwithstanding the great Fire from the Town, both of Cannon and small Shot, we had very few killed, and not above 60, including Officers and private Men, slightly wounded; among the wounded was Colonel Gorsuch, who commanded the Foot-Guards. We carried on our Trenches from the Gate of St. Peter, towards Fort Monterey, and finished a Parallel of 1000 Paces from the Right to the Left, within 200 Paces of the Counterscarp. The 25th the Trenches were opened at the Duke of Wirtemberg's Attack before the Citadel, by 1400 Workmen, covered by four Battalions and 600 Horse, commanded by Major-General Murray, and Brigadier Borch; between six and seven at Night we began to trace the Lines, and before eight the Enemy began to fire both great and small Shot, and continued their Fire 'till one in the Morning; notwithstanding which we finished a Parallel of 750 Paces, within 150 Paces of the Palisadoes, and made a very good Communication, and had only ten Men killed and wounded. The same Night we broke Ground at a third Attack, before the Brussels Gate, between the Upper and Lower Schelde; at which Brigadier Evans commanded, with 600 Workmen and four Battalions; they carried on the Trenches near 700 Paces, and made a Communication without any Loss; but the

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